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Superintendent

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To: School Food Authority Administrators, Clerks, and Food Service Managers

From: Kenadine Johnson, Cooperative Bid Coordinator

RE: Cooperative Bid News

Good news for our Child Nutrition Programs participating in the Cooperative Food Bid! The administrative fee for the bid has been reduced to 2 percent, or 2 cents per every dollar spent. That is a one-third reduction in cost.

The ABC Committee has voted to put a few new items on the bid this Fall. Look for the following new items on your new order forms.

**CATEGORY ITEM # DESCRIPTION**

**Breads/Quick**

**383. Pretzels, Cheese Filled.** Just thaw and serve or warm them for your students. 1 pretzel equals 2.75 Bread Count. 50/2.5 OZ/CS. Approximately 43¢

**384. Cheese filled Breadstick.** Mozzarella filled breadstick with its own sleeves packed in every case. Cheese rebate available. 96/3.2 OZ/CS. 1 M/M Alternate & 2 Bread count. Approximately 50¢ a serving.

**385. Cinnamon Cream Cheese Filled Breadstick.** Tender bread, sweet cinnamon and cream cheese filling makes a great tasting, fun, handheld breakfast or snack for our students. ½ M/M Alternate and 2 Bread Count for approximately 48¢. Tony's branded sleeves in every case.

**386. Mini Pancakes, Maple Burst Flavor.** Whole grain and good for Breakfast, Breakfast for Lunch or for that after school Snack program. Each pouch contains 2 Bread count. Approximately 44¢ Heat and Serve oven ready pouch.

**387. Mini Pancakes, Strawberry Splash Flavor.** Fruit flavored silver dollar sized pancakes in a heat and serve oven able pouch. 2 Bread count, whole grain, for approximately 44¢. No need for butter or syrup.

**Cereal**

**382. Hot Cereal, Old Fashioned Rolled Oats.** Oatmeal for Breakfast or that wonderful cookie or dessert recipe all your kids love. Whole grain rolled oats in 42 OZ Tubes. Easy to store and easy to measure. 12/42 OZ/CS.

**388. Bowl Pack, Gluten Free Rice Chex Cereal.** Whole Grain, No gluten rice cereal. 1 Bread count per bowl portion. Approximately 25¢.

**OVER**

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### **Crackers**

**392. Wheat Thins, Toasted Chips, Veggie.** The perfect crispiness to complement any meal. 1.75 OZ bag equals 2 bread. Flavored with the zest of real vegetables in an oven-toasted goodness. Approximately 38¢

### **Fruit Juice**

**389. Frozen Fruit Juice Bar, Outrageous Orange.** 100% juice in a 2 OZ easy open push up container. No sugar added. ¼ Cup fruit component. 100/2 OZ/CS. Approximately 25¢

**390. Frozen Fruit Juice Bar, Wild Cherry.** 100% juice in a 2 OZ easy open push up container. No sugar added. ¼ Cup fruit component. 100/2 OZ/CS. Approximately 25¢

**391. Frozen Fruit Juice Bar, Very Berry.** 100% juice in a 2 OZ easy open push up container. No sugar added. ¼ Cup fruit component. 100/2 OZ/CS. Approximately 25¢